

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-11, 15-17, 21-23 and 30-41 are currently pending with claims 1, 6-8 and 33 being independent. Claims 1, 6-8 and 33 have been amended and claims 37-41 have been added to recite features removed from claims 1, 6-8 and 33. Support for the amendment may be found in the application at, for example, page 5, lines 2-20. No new matter has been introduced.

The claims have been rejected as being unpatentable over Hosokawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,660,410) in view of Baird (U.S. Patent No. 5,260,963). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection at least because neither Hosokawa, Baird, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests the use of a phosphorescent material that is an organic metal complex at a concentration such that the luminescent layer generates excimer emission, as recited in each of the amended independent claims.

With respect to claim 15, the rejection indicates that Hosokawa, at col. 1, lines 10-35, shows that a phosphorescent material generates luminescence having two or more peaks, where any one of the two or more peaks is excimer emission. Applicant disagrees. In particular, and contrary to the assertion set forth in the rejection, Hosokawa nowhere indicates that excimer emission is generated. Indeed, Hosokawa does not even mention the word excimer.

Accordingly, even assuming for sake of argument that Hosokawa and Baird may be combined in the manner set forth in the rejection, the resulting combination would not employ a phosphorescent material that is an organic metal complex at a concentration such that the luminescent layer generates excimer emission, as recited in each of the independent claims. For at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

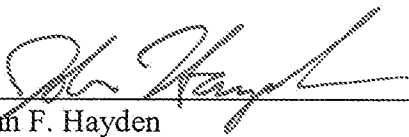
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